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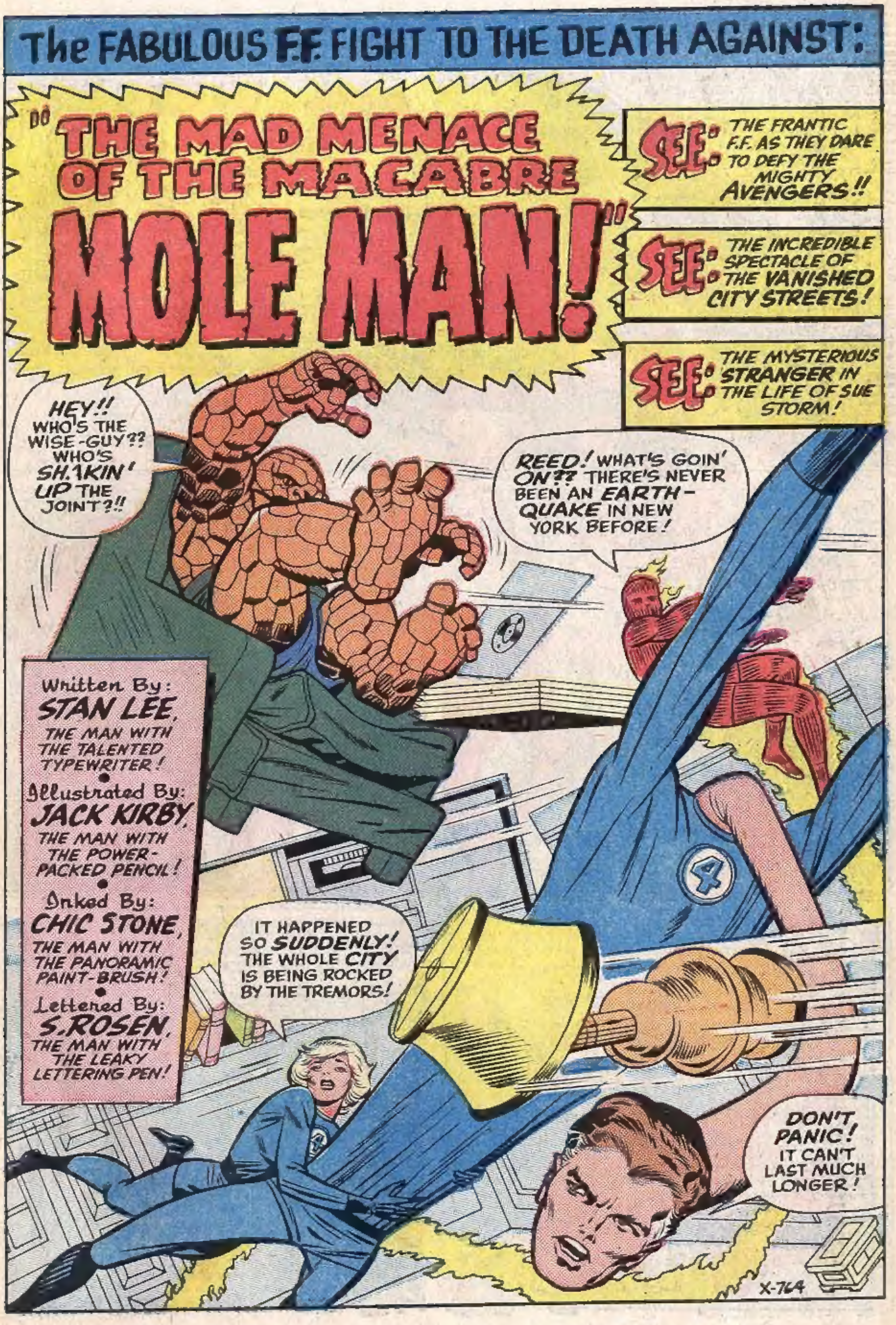
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"THE MAD MENACE OF THE MACABRE MOLE MAN!"
SEE: THE FRANTIC F.F. AS THEY DARE TO DEFY THE MIGHTY AVENGERS!!
SEE: THE INCREDIBLE SPECTACLE OF THE VANISHED CITY STREETS!
SEE: THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER IN THE LIFE OF SUE STORM!
HEY!! WHO'S THE WISE-GUY?? WHO'S SHAKIN' UP THE JOINT?!!
REED! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?? THERE'S NEVER BEEN AN EARTH-QUAKE IN NEW YORK BEFORE!
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IT HAPPENED SO SUDDENLY! THE WHOLE CITY IS BEING ROCKED BY THE TREMORS!
DON'T PANIC! IT CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER!
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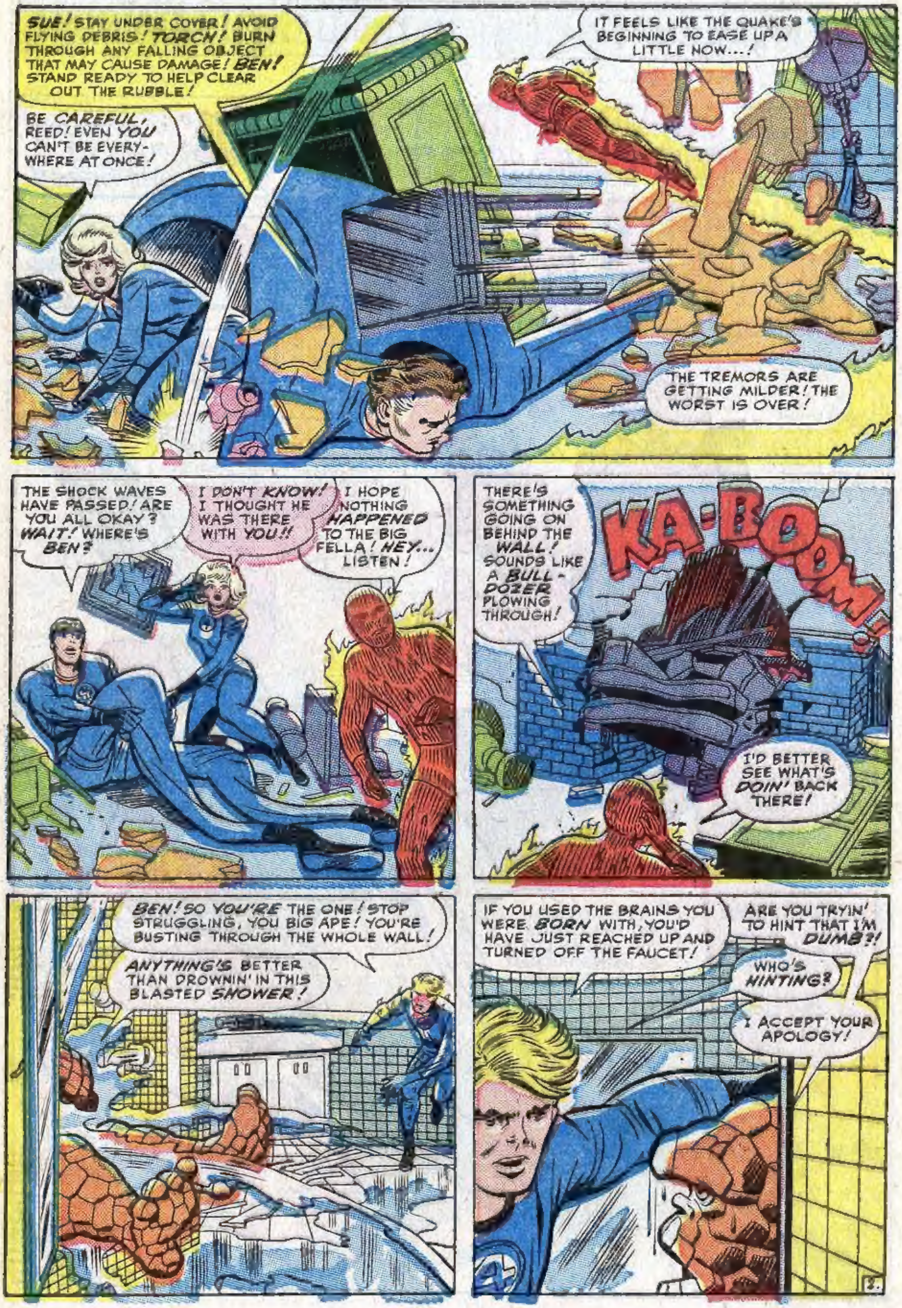

SUE! STAY UNDER COVER! AVOID FLYING DEBRIS! TORCH! BURN THROUGH ANY FALLING OBJECT THAT MAY CAUSE DAMAGE! BEN! STAND READY TO HELP CLEAR OUT THE RUBBLE!
BE CAREFUL, REED! EVEN YOU CAN'T BE EVERY-WHERE AT ONCE!
IT FEELS LIKE THE QUAKE'S BEGINNING TO EASE UP A LITTLE NOW...!
THE TREMORS ARE GETTING MILDER! THE WORST IS OVER!
THE SHOCK WAVES HAVE PASSED! ARE YOU ALL OKAY? WAIT! WHERE'S BEN?
I DON'T KNOW! I THOUGHT HE WAS THERE WITH YOU!!
I HOPE NOTHING HAPPENED TO THE BIG FELLA! HEY... LISTEN!
THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON BEHIND THE WALL! SOUNDS LIKE A BULL-DOZER PLOWING THROUGH!
KA-BOOM!
I'D BETTER SEE WHAT'S DOIN' BACK THERE!
BEN! SO YOU'RE THE ONE! STOP STRUGGLING, YOU BIG APE! YOU'RE BUSTING THROUGH THE WHOLE WALL!
ANYTHING'S BETTER THAN DROWNIN' IN THIS BLASTED SHOWER!
IF YOU USED THE BRAINS YOU WERE BORN WITH, YOU'D HAVE JUST REACHED UP AND TURNED OFF THE FAUCET!
ARE YOU TRYIN' TO HINT THAT I'M DUMB?!
WHO'S HINTING?
I ACCEPT YOUR APOLOGY!
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THERE'S NOT TOO MUCH DAMAGE ON THE STREETS BELOW! NOBODY SEEMS TO BE HURT! BUT THE CROWDS ARE MILLING AROUND IN BEWILDERMENT!
YOU'RE BEGINNIN' TO SOUND LIKE A REGULAR WALTER CRONKITE!
ANY IDEA WHAT CAUSED IT, REED?
JUST A HUNCH! BUT I'D RATHER NOT SAY TILL I'M CERTAIN!
YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO... OMINOUS!
LET'S HOPE I'M WRONG, SUE! C'MON, ALL... INTO THE FANTASTI-CAR! WE'LL DO SOME INVESTI-GATING!
NOW YOU'RE TALKIN'! IT'S ABOUT TIME WE HAD A LITTLE ACTION AROUND HERE!
THAT PICTURE IN THE PAPER! IT CAN'T BE... AND YET.. I'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE!
NO!! IT IS... IT IS HE!! AFTER ALL THESE YEARS... JUST WHEN THE WORLD HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN!!
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EXTRA!
The warden's office at State Prison has just confirmed an earlier report that one of the most daring escapes in the history of that penal institution has just been successfully attempted
ESCAPED FUGITIVE
SUE!! WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S WRONG! WHOSE PICTURE ARE YOU STARING AT IN THE PAPER?
NOTHING, REED... NOTHING THAT CONCERNS YOU! I.. I'D RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT IT!!
YOU AND THE OTHERS GO ALONG WITHOUT ME! I'LL WAIT HERE... I HAVE TO BE ALONE... TO THINK..!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER LIKE THIS! THAT MAN IN THE PHOTO... HE'S THE CAUSE! BUT WHO CAN HE BE??
CAN THERE BE SOMEONE ELSE... FROM THE PAST? SOMEONE SHE LOVES MORE THAN ME?? NO! I DARE NOT EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!
THEY'VE GONE!! NOW I'VE GOT TO READ IT AGAIN... MAKE SURE THERE'S NO MISTAKE! NO... IT'S ALL HERE! IT'S ALL TRUE!!

MEANWHILE, AS A SORELY TROUBLED SUE REMAINS BEHIND WITH THE NEWSPAPER...
LOOK! DOWN BELOW! IT'S JUST WHAT I FEARED!
A WHOLE BLAMED CITY BLOCK IS MISSIN'!! TOO BAD IT AIN'T YANCY STREET!
WOW! COULD THE EARTH-QUAKE HAVE CAUSED IT TO DROP DOWN... OUT OF SIGHT??
QUICKLY LANDING NEAR THE STRANGE SITE, MR. FANTASTIC BEGINS AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION... IN HIS OWN SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL MANNER...
SEE ANYTHING, REED?
NO! THE HOLE SEEMS TO BE BOTTOMLESS! I CAN'T STRETCH MYSELF FAR ENOUGH!
THEN I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME, BOSS MAN! HERE GOES!!
BE CAREFUL, JOHNNY!
HOLY SMOKE! I OUGHTTA BE IN CHINA, BY NOW!! THE FUR-THER I GO, THE DEEPER IT GETS!! SAY! WHAT'S THAT BELOW??
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— says N.J.FLEMING — YUBIWAZA MASTER

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I'M A 3rd-DEGREE HOLDER OF THE BLACK BELT—SYMBOL OF HIGH PROFICIENCY IN THE JAPANESE SYSTEM OF SELF-DEFENSE THAT USES NO WEAPONS BUT BARE HANDS. I spent many years in Japan learning these little-known SECRETS. The most amazingly effective of all Self-Defense techniques that stood out in ALL my Japanese Training is contained in my AMAZING new Yubiwaza book - all yours to have if you ACT NOW. YUBIWAZA is the name of a fantastic system of Self-Defense that makes use of an EASY-to-Learn knowledge of vital body areas and the techniques of the use of just ONE Finger or the entire hand to counteract & overcome ANY violent attack. It is commonly known that with the aid of Yubiwaza, young men - and girls, too! - with only a few hours of training, turn back 2, 3 and even 4 attackers - temporarily DISABLING ONE, putting another to flight, making a third howl with pain, while the fourth begged his opponent to stop!

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The experts in Japan, who know and teach these ONE-finger techniques, have now explained that YUBIWAZA is a centuries-old system of Self-Defense which is so simple and so effective that outsiders were never instructed in its use. The system was restricted to Japanese who SWORE to apply these methods only in time of danger and attack by an aggressor. Many of the very techniques in my Yubiwaza book, once highly guarded secrets of the ancient Samurai warriors never shown to outsiders are now shown to you - FIRST time!

EASY -- And I am now ready to show you, too, through clear, easy-to-understand photos, every secret. I guarantee to make you a YUBIWAZA specialist in hours—or every cent you paid will be refunded. You don't have to attend my school where I train beginners like you and turn them into experts. How I can show you how to practice YUBIWAZA in the privacy of your own home with only a few minutes of practice a day. I'll show you how to defend yourself against hoodlums, bullies, "wise guys" and juvenile delinquents who respect neither lives nor property.

When you apply YUBIWAZA methods, you can cut an aggressor down with JUST ONE FINGER! You can disarm an opponent rushing you with his fists, a broken bottle, a revolver or any kind of bludgeon. You can turn an aggressor's attack into your advantage with only one finger or your bare hands. No matter how "hot" the action gets, YUBIWAZA keeps you "on top." You can apply simple pressure of your finger against any one of a dozen or more vital nerve centers of your opponent and watch his gun or knife fall from his limp hand while he himself sinks to the ground completely helpless and faint. If the neighborhood bully pushes you, you can make him say "uncle" quickly —with the help of YUBIWAZA!

MASTER EVERY SITUATION!

Make no mistake! The world is crowded with anti-social enemies who think nothing of sticking a knife into the ribs . . . or attacking peace-loving citizens just for the fun of it . . . or molesting boys and girls shamelessly. There is a crying need for a system of self-defense that relies on KNOWLEDGE, not big muscles or strength . . . that depends on TECHNIQUE—not on weight or size of body . . . that is based on simple TRAINING—not on illegal possession of weapons.

When you know YUBIWAZA you can disarm and disable your opponent in seconds. You can repel a mugger who grabs you from behind—no matter how big he is or how much he weighs. Instantly you know WHERE to attack, and how. You learn the body's major vulnerable regions, the defense or on-guard position to take, and your body's personal weapons which you can apply to maximum advantage. I have jam-packed all I know about YUBIWAZA into my Guide, which I have profusely illustrated and clearly explained. I take you step by step through the fundamentals of this amazing system so that you understand clearly and immediately how these effective principles work. You learn these tricks used by marines, police and G-men . . . how to floor any bully. . . how to touch vital spots that will make any attacker helpless. No matter whether you are big or small, strong or weak, you can overpower practically any opponent with lightning speed!

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WHILE, ON THE SURFACE ABOVE, REED, BEN, AND JOHNNY RUSH BACK TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS, TO PLAN THEIR BATTLE STRATEGY...
THAT EARTHQUAKE WASN'T A NATURAL ONE! IT WAS CAUSED BY ARTIFICIAL MEANS!!
YOU MEAN WE'VE GOTTA TACKLE ANOTHER NUTTY MAD SCIENTIST AGAIN??
SAY! WHERE'S SUE? I DON'T SEE HER!
SIS! WE'RE BACK! WHERE ARE YOU??
HOLD IT, JOHNNY! HERE'S A NOTE! IT MUST BE FROM HER!!
BUT, BEFORE REED CAN STUDY THE MESSAGE...
LOOK OUT!! ANOTHER QUAKE!
BOY!! THIS IS LIKE LIVIN' ON A POGO STICK!!
IT WAS JUST A BRIEF ONE! TURN ON THE RADIO, JOHNNY ... SEE IF ANY OTHER CITY BLOCKS HAVE VANISHED!
WILL DO! BUT, Y'KNOW SOMETHING? I'M ALMOST AFRAID TO FIND OUT!
HEY! YOU DON'T THINK IT'S THAT KNUCKLE-HEADED HULK ACTIN' UP AGAIN, DO YA??
EVEN HIS PRODIGIOUS STRENGTH COULDN'T ACCOMPLISH A HOLOCAUST OF THIS MAGNITUDE!
OKAY, OKAY! IF YOU DON'T WANNA ANSWER ME, JUST SAY SO!!
THAT'S ODD! SUE'S NOTE SAYS SHE'LL BE BACK SOON...SHE HAD TO GO TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS, DOWNTOWN!
COULD IT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT NEWSPAPER ITEM ABOUT AN ESCAPED FUGITIVE??
LISTEN! HERE'S THE NEWS!
ANOTHER CITY BLOCK IS MISSING! IT'S THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF 23RD STREET, BORDERING THE NEW CONSTRUCTION IN...
THAT'S THE STREET WHERE POLICE HEADQUARTERS IS...
THE STREET SUE WENT TO!!
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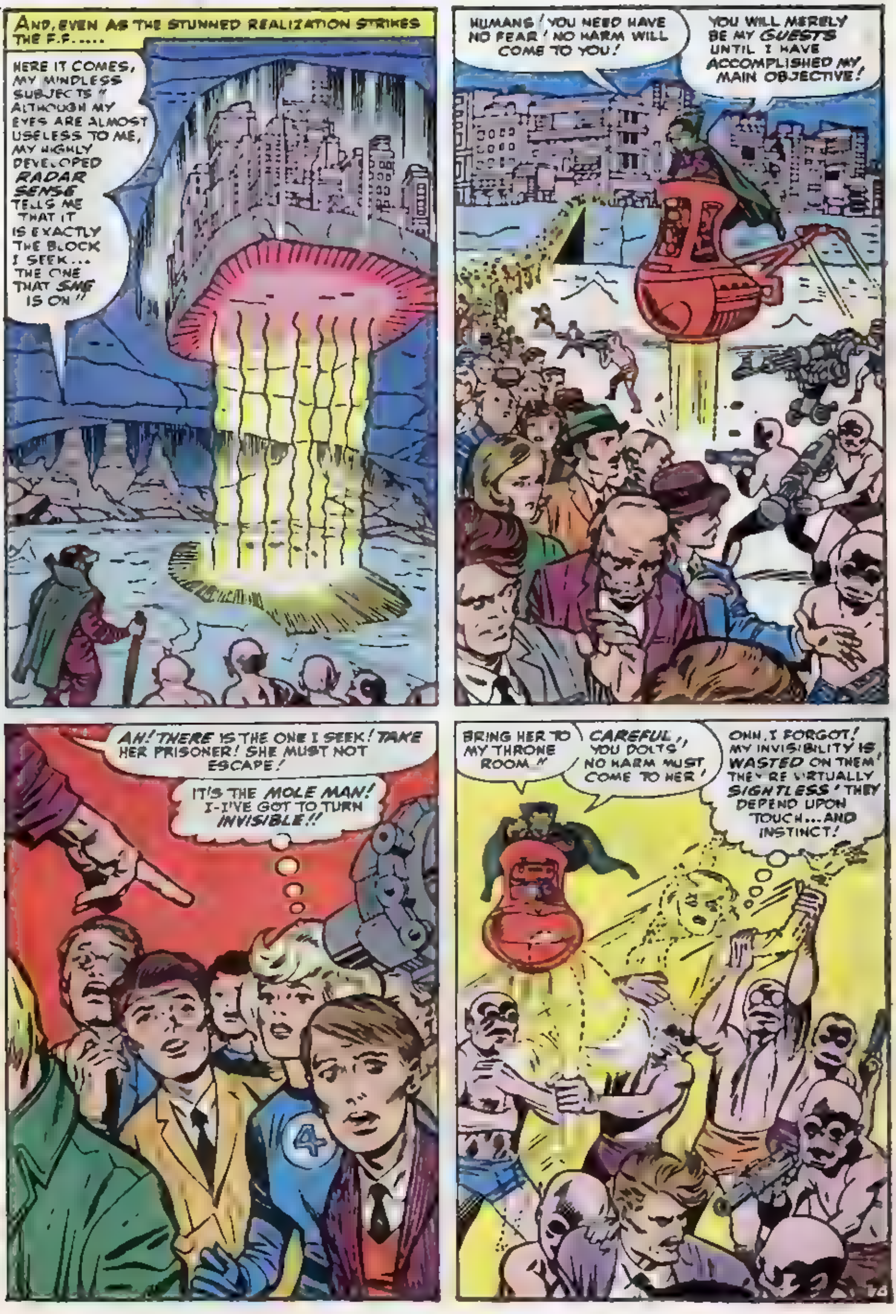
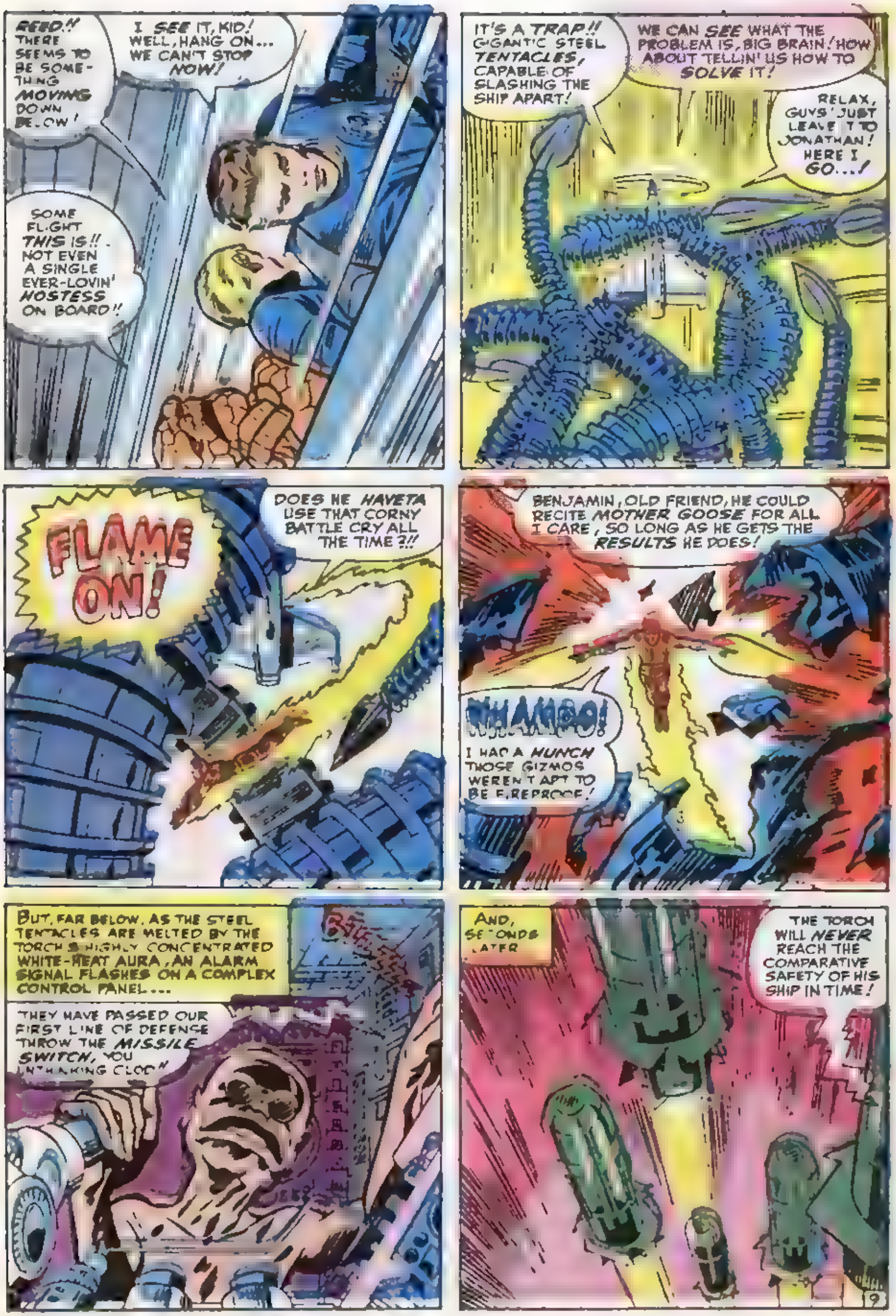

AND, EVEN AS THE STUNNED REALIZATION STRIKES THE F.F.....
HERE IT COMES, MY MINDLESS SUBJECTS!! ALTHOUGH MY EYES ARE ALMOST USELESS TO ME, MY HIGHLY DEVELOPED RADAR SENSE TELLS ME THAT IT IS EXACTLY THE BLOCK I SEEK... THE ONE THAT SHE IS ON!!
HUMANS! YOU NEED HAVE NO FEAR! NO HARM WILL COME TO YOU!
YOU WILL MERELY BE MY GUESTS UNTIL I HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MY MAIN OBJECTIVE!
AH! THERE IS THE ONE I SEEK! TAKE HER PRISONER! SHE MUST NOT ESCAPE!
IT'S THE MOLE MAN! I-I'VE GOT TO TURN INVISIBLE!!
BRING HER TO MY THRONE ROOM!!
CAREFUL, YOU DOLTS! NO HARM MUST COME TO HER!
OHH, I FORGOT! MY INVISIBILITY IS WASTED ON THEM! THEY'RE VIRTUALLY SIGHTLESS! THEY DEPEND UPON TOUCH...AND INSTINCT!

MINUTES LATER...
TWICE BEFORE YOU AND YOUR ACCURSED PARTNERS HAVE FRUSTRATED MY PLAN TO CONQUER THE SURFACE WORLD!*
BUT THIS TIME THE RESULT SHALL BE DIFFERENT! THIS TIME I HOLD A TRUMP CARD!
NO!! YOU'RE MAD!! NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE... NO MATTER HOW MANY SUBTERRANEAN SUBJECTS YOU HAVE, YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ALL OF MANKIND!!
* SEE F.F #1 AND #22.. EDITOR.
SILENCE, FEMALE!! HOW LITTLE YOU KNOW! I HAVE WEAPONS WHICH THE SURFACE FOOLS ABOVE CANNOT EVEN COMPREHEND!! I HAVE AN ENTIRE UNDER-EARTH ARSENAL OF IN-EXHAUSTIBLE MANPOWER TO DRAW UPON! AND, MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL... I NOW HAVE... YOU!!
BY HOLDING YOU HOSTAGE THE SOFT-HEARTED FANTASTIC FOUR WILL NOT DARE TO ATTACK ME!! AND AS YOU KNOW, THEY ARE THE ONES I FEAR THE MOST!!
AGAIN YOU MIS-UNDERSTAND US! THEY WON'T SACRIFICE A CAUSE, JUST TO SAVE ME!
WE SHALL SEE ABOUT THAT!
SECONDS LATER, THE HIGHLY COMPLEX VIDEO-TRANSCEIVER IN F.F. HEADQUARTERS BURSTS INTO LIGHT, AS THE MOLE MAN ACTIVATES IT FROM HIS AWESOME WORLD BELOW...
I KNEW IT! IT COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN... HIM! BUT... LOOK!! BEHIND HIM! HE HAS SUE!!
HE'S POINTING TO HER!... HE WANTS US TO SEE HER!
HE BETTER HAVE HIS LIFE INSURANCE ALL PAID UP!
MOVING AT BREAKNECK SPEED, THE FIGHTING-MAD TRIO RACE TO THEIR POGO PLANE... AND THEN
HE'S GOT TO BE DOWN THERE SOMEWHERE! ALL ENGINES FULL THRUST!! LET'S DROP!!
LOOK SHARP! HE KNOWS WE'RE COMING! HE'LL BE READY FOR US!
YEAH? IF HE HAD ANY BRAINS, HE'D BE BUSY PACKIN'!
WE'VE GOT TO REACH SIS IN TIME. WE'VE GOT TO!
STEADY, JOHNNY! HE MUST KNOW IF ANY HARM COMES TO SUE, HE'LL HAVE SEALED HIS OWN DOOM!


REED!! THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING MOVING DOWN BELOW!
I SEE IT, KID! WELL, HANG ON... WE CAN'T STOP NOW!
SOME FLIGHT THIS IS!! NOT EVEN A SINGLE EVER-LOVIN' HOSTESS ON BOARD!!
IT'S A TRAP!! GIGANTIC STEEL TENTACLES, CAPABLE OF SLASHING THE SHIP APART!
WE CAN SEE WHAT THE PROBLEM IS, BIG BRAIN! HOW ABOUT TELLIN' US HOW TO SOLVE IT!
RELAX, GUYS! JUST LEAVE IT TO JONATHAN! HERE I GO...!
FLAME ON!
DOES HE HAVETA USE THAT CORNY BATTLE CRY ALL THE TIME?!!
BENJAMIN, OLD FRIEND, HE COULD RECITE MOTHER GOOSE FOR ALL I CARE, SO LONG AS HE GETS THE RESULTS HE DOES!
WHAMBO!
I HAD A HUNCH THOSE GIZMOS WEREN'T APT TO BE FIREPROOF!
BUT, FAR BELOW, AS THE STEEL TENTACLES ARE MELTED BY THE TORCH'S HIGHLY CONCENTRATED WHITE-HEAT AURA, AN ALARM SIGNAL FLASHES ON A COMPLEX CONTROL PANEL...
THEY HAVE PASSED OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE! THROW THE MISSILE SWITCH, YOU UNTHINKING CLOD!
AND, SECONDS LATER
THE TORCH WILL NEVER REACH THE COMPARATIVE SAFETY OF HIS SHIP IN TIME!

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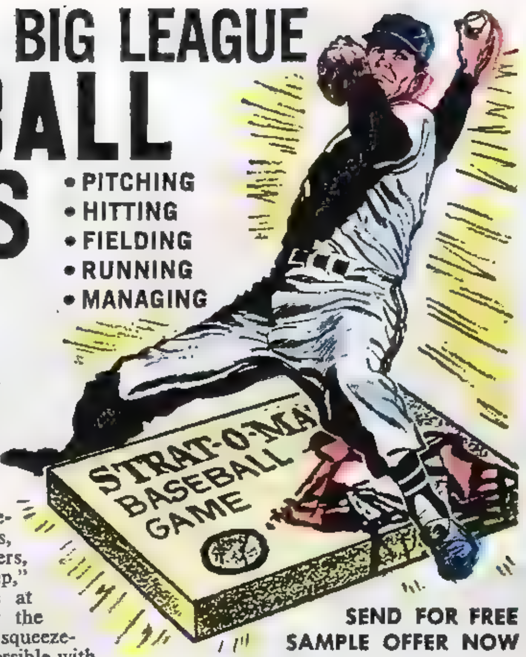

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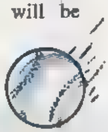

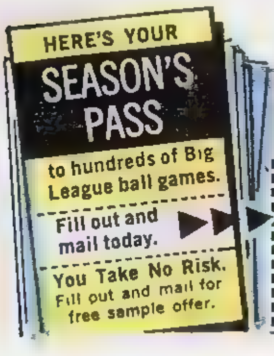

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LIKE MY DEAR OL' AUNT PETUNIA USED TO SAY... "SOME GUYS'LL STEAL ANYTHING!"
UH-OH!! THE AIR JET BRAKES AIN'T
OTHER WAY TO SLOW THIS BABY DOWN...
...BUT I'LL PROBABLY HAVE A CHARLEY HORSE FOR A WEEK!
A FINE THING!! HERE I AM IN ALL MY GLORY, AND THERE AIN'T EVEN A BRASS BAND WAITIN' FOR ME!! YOU'D THINK SOMEONE WOULD AT LEAST OFFER ME THE KEY TO THE CITY OR SOMETHIN'!
I GUESS THE TROUBLE WITH ME IS... I'M TOO MODEST
HEROES! I DON'T TALK MYSELF UP ENOUGH!
A PLACE LIKE THIS WOULD BE GREAT FOR A VACATION! AT LEAST YA WOULDN'T HAVETA WORRY ABOUT RAIN!!
HEY... HOW ABOUT THAT!!
GOOD WORK, BEN... YOU GOT US HERE SAFELY! THE COBWEBS ARE JUST BEGINNING TO CLEAR AWAY IN MY HEAD..!
NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, OUR WORK IS JUST BEGINNING! WE'RE ALONE AND UNPROTECTED RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THE MOLE MAN'S UNDERGROUND EMPIRE! AND, TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, HE KNOWS WE'RE HERE! BUT THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW! WE'VE GOT TO FIND SUE! LOOK IN THE STREET BELOW

IT'S THE MOLE MAN... WITH SUE! SHE'S OKAY!
SO! YOU HAVE ESCAPED MY LITTLE TRAPS! I RATHER THOUGHT YOU WOULD! NOW, YOU MAY COME DOWN HERE... MAKING NO SUDDEN MENACING MOVES!
WE'LL DO AS HE SAYS... FOR THE TIME BEING!!
THANKS, STRETCHO!! IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU CARRIED SOME OF THE LOAD AROUND HERE!
SLIDE NOW AND TALK LATER, PARTNER! YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY A LIGHT-WEIGHT!
HI, SIS! HERE WE COME!!
VERY CLEVER OF YOU! AND NOW, HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO REACH THE STREET, MR. FANTASTIC ?
I HAVE WAYS!
SLOWLY... SLOWLY! STAY BACK, THING! YOU TOO, TORCH! THIS WEAPON HAS A HAIR TRIGGER! AND IT'S POINTED STRAIGHT AT SUE STORM!
NO NEED FOR THREATS, MOLE MAN! YOU KNOW WE'LL DO NOTHING TO JEOPARDIZE SUE'S LIFE! YOU'RE CALLING THE TUNE RIGHT NOW! WHAT IS IT YOU'RE AFTER?
THE SAME THING I'VE EVER BEEN AFTER... CONQUEST OF THE SURFACE WORLD! BUT THIS TIME I HAVE A MEANS OF GUARANTEEING THAT YOU WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH MY PLAN!
I SHALL KEEP STORM CAPTIVE!! YOU SHALL RETURN TO THE SURFACE! YOU MUST OBEY ME... YOU HAVE NO CHOICE!
BUT WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO'LL OPPOSE YOU...!
I'M AWARE OF THAT, BUT, IF YOU VALUE HER LIFE YOU WILL DO ALL IN YOUR POWER TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM DEFYING ME!
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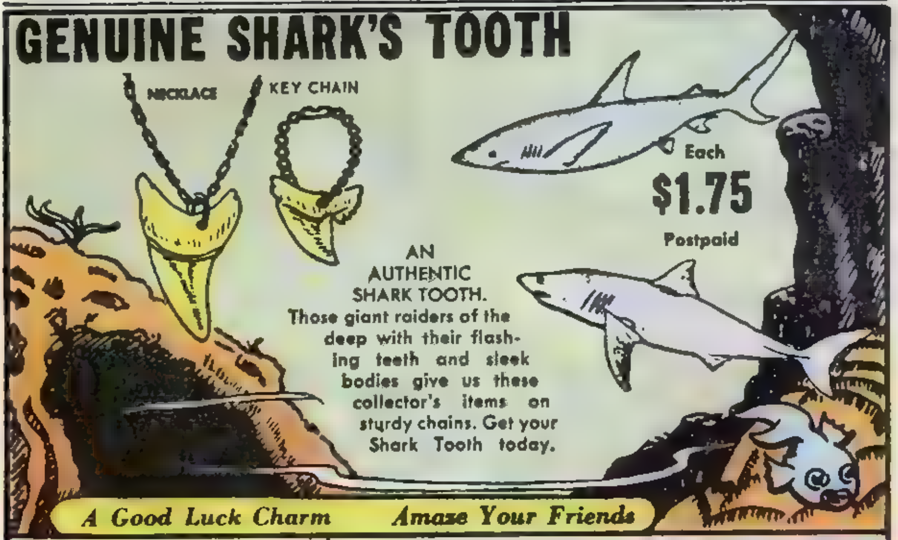

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PERHAPS! BUT YOUR WORDS HAD BEST BE MOST CON-VINCING!
THERE! I THOUGHT THAT HEATING UP YOUR TIN SUIT WOULD BRING YOU BACK TO THE SURFACE, PAL!
I WARN YOU, TORCH! JOKES LIKE THIS DON'T AMUSE ME!
C'MERE SHORTY!! WHERE DO YA THINK YOU'RE GOIN'?? CAN'T YOU GUYS FIND ENOUGH NUTS TO FIGHT UP HERE?
HEY! I TOLD YOU TO KEEP OUTTA THIS!
THING, IT'S LUCKY FOR YOU THAT WE ALL FIGHT THE SAME FIGHT! OTHERWISE, I'D BE MIGHTY TEMPTED TO MAKE YOU REGRET YOUR INSOLENCE!
EASY, THOR! LET'S GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO SPEAK!
SAY WHAT YOU MUST.. QUICKLY! OUR PATIENCE WEARS EXCEEDINGLY THIN!!
SO DOES OURS, FELLA... SO STAY BACK!! THE MOLE MAN HAS A HOSTAGE DOWN THERE... OUR PARTNER, SUE STORM! AND NO ONE IS GOING TO ENDANGER HER LIFE!!
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BUT, THE LIVES OF MANY MAY BE AT STAKE IF HE ISN'T STOPPED!
HE'LL BE STOPPED! BUT, WE'LL DO IT OUR WAY!
VERY WELL! WE SHALL NOT STEP IN FOR A PERIOD OF 24 HOURS! YOU HAVE TILL THEN
AND SO
HOW COME YA LET HIM TALK TO YA THAT WAY BIG BRAIN?
WE'VE NOTHING TO GAIN BY FIGHTING THE AVENGERS, BEN! BESIDES, I'M INDEBTED TO IRON MAN FOR THESE TRAN-
VICES
WHEN I TOLD HIM WHAT I WANTED, IRON MAN GOT ALL THE COMPONENT PARTS FOR ME AT ANTHONY STARK'S WEAPONS FACTORY, WHERE THE GOLDEN AVENGER WORKS AS STARK'S BODYGUARD!
BUT WHAT IS THAT
IT'S A COMPLEX, HIGHLY-SENSITIVE TRANSISTORIZED DETECTOR OF MY OWN DESIGN! IT'S GOING TO LOCATE SUE'S EXACT POSITION UNDERGROUND FOR US! TAKE A LOOK AT THE BACK OF MY HELMET, BEN!
CAN'T WE STEP ON IT
MINUTE COUNTS!!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE INSIDE OF A COFFEE
WHAT 'N SAM
IS ALL THAT
IT'S A BUILT-IN COMPUTER---TO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DETECTOR! AND NOW WE'RE READY, JOHNNY!!
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE MOLE MAN'S
CANNOT YOU SEE HOW USELESS YOUR STRUGGLES ARE?? MY WILL IS SUPREME HERE!
YOU WILL REMAIN WITHIN THAT ROCK CRYSTAL CAGE UNTIL MY
DONE! YOU HAVE
WELL!
NO ONE TRULY REALIZES HOW POWERFUL THE MOLE MAN
BECAUSE OF ME, THEY
THIS

AND, THOUSANDS OF LEAGUES ABOVE ...
DON'TCHA FEEL LIKE A NUT, WALKIN' AROUND IN THAT GETUP ??
YOU'RE A FINE ONE TO TALK, BEN! CLAM UP AND LET HIM WORK, WILLYA?
LOOK! IT'S STARTING TO GLOW! THIS IS THE SPOT!
ALL RIGHT, TORCH ... REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU! SPEED AND SURPRISE ARE THE IMPORTANT THINGS! GO TO IT!!
STAY BACK! I'M NOT KIDDIN' AROUND THIS TIME! I'LL USE MY NEAR NOVA HEAT TO BLAST A PATH DOWN THERE IN SECONDS!!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'LL BETCHA I END UP WITH THE HEAVY WORK, AS USUAL!
LOOK OUT BELOW!! THIS TIME I'M NOT STOPPIN' FOR ANYTHING!!
SHAKE A LEG, BEN! WE'VE GOT TO FOLLOW HIM!
I KNOW! I KNOW! BUT ARE YA SURE THIS OVER-GROWN PIN-WHEEL WILL WORK!?
OF COURSE! IT'S AN EXPERIMENTAL ARMY HOVER-CYCLE WHICH I MODIFIED WITH INCREASED JET POWER!
CAN'TCHA EVER JUST ANSWER YES OR NO ??!
NO MORE CRACKS, BIG FELLA! WE'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON OUR JOB NOW! THIS IS IT!!
BUT, FAR BELOW AGAIN ...
THE DANGER SIGNAL!! IT CAN'T BE THE FANTASTIC FOUR!! THEY WOULDN'T DARE!!
DANGER

WHOEVER IS TRYING TO INVADE MY DOMAIN WILL SOON LEARN THE PRICE OF SUCH FOLLY! ATTACK, MY SERVILE HORDES!! DESTROY ANY WHO DEFY YOU!!
BUT, BEFORE THE SUBTERRANEAN ARMY CAN REACH THE SPOT, THE HUMAN TORCH ENTERS SUE'S ROCK CRYSTAL PRISON THROUGH THE ONE UNGUARDED AREA -- FROM ABOVE!! AND THEN...
YOU'LL BE OKAY NOW, SIS! THIS FLAME WILL MAKE AN ESCAPE PATH FOR US! FOLLOW ME!!
THEN, USING HER INVISIBLE FORCE BEAM LIKE A BATTERING RAM THE COURAGEOUS GIRL FOLLOWS HER BLAZING BROTHER WITHOUT HESITATION, SCATTERING THEIR ENEMIES LIKE TEN-PINS!!
SO FAR SO GOOD!! BUT WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE MOLE MAN BEFORE HE GIVES HIS MINDLESS LEGIONS NEW INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO STOP US!!
CAREFUL, JOHNNY! HE HAS A SAFETY DOME, JUST AHEAD! BUT IT'S HIGHLY FORTIFIED!!
THERE IT IS! HOLY COW!! HE'S GOT ENOUGH CONTROL LEVERS IN THERE TO QUALIFY FOR "MAD SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR!"
JOHNNY! GO BACK!! HE'S REACHING FOR HIS ZETA RAY SWITCH!! GO BACK!!
UH-UH, SIS! I'M THROUGH GOIN' BACK!! NO MATTER HOW FAST HE CAN FIRE THESE ZETA PARTICLES, I CAN FLY RINGS AROUND 'EM!
BUT YOUR FLAME... IT WON'T LAST FOREVER!!

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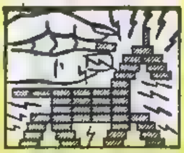

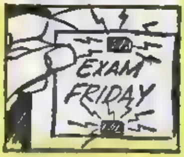

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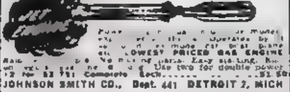

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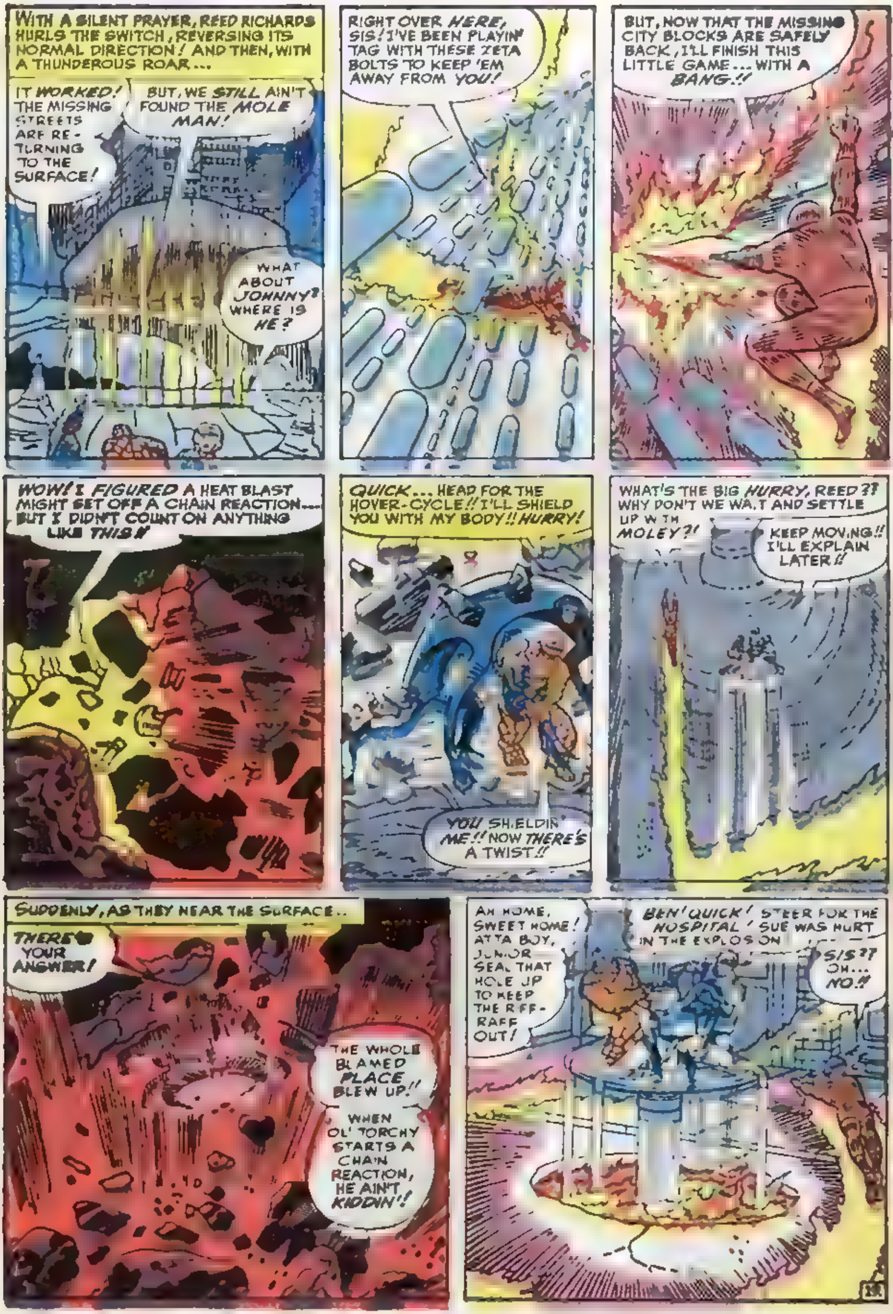

WITH A SILENT PRAYER, REED RICHARDS HURLS THE SWITCH, REVERSING ITS NORMAL DIRECTION! AND THEN, WITH A THUNDEROUS ROAR...
IT WORKED! THE MISSING STREETS ARE RE-TURNING TO THE SURFACE!
BUT, WE STILL AIN'T FOUND THE MOLE MAN!
WHAT ABOUT JOHNNY? WHERE IS HE?
RIGHT OVER HERE, SIS! I'VE BEEN PLAYIN' TAG WITH THESE ZETA BOLTS TO KEEP 'EM AWAY FROM YOU!
BUT, NOW THAT THE MISSING CITY BLOCKS ARE SAFELY BACK, I'LL FINISH THIS LITTLE GAME... WITH A BANG.!!
WOW! I FIGURED A HEAT BLAST MIGHT SET OFF A CHAIN REACTION... BUT I DIDN'T COUNT ON ANYTHING LIKE THIS!!
QUICK... HEAD FOR THE HOVER-CYCLE!! I'LL SHIELD YOU WITH MY BODY!! HURRY!
YOU! SHIELDIN' ME!! NOW THERE'S A TWIST!!
WHAT'S THE BIG HURRY, REED?? WHY DON'T WE WAIT AND SETTLE UP WITH MOLEY?!
KEEP MOVING!! I'LL EXPLAIN LATER!!
SUDDENLY, AS THEY NEAR THE SURFACE...
THERE'S YOUR ANSWER!
THE WHOLE BLAMED PLACE BLEW UP!!
WHEN OL' TORCHY STARTS A CHAIN REACTION, HE AIN'T KIDDIN'!!
AH HOME, SWEET HOME! ATTA BOY, JUNIOR SEAL THAT HOLE UP TO KEEP THE RIFF-RAFF OUT!
BEN! QUICK! STEER FOR THE HOSPITAL! SUE WAS HURT IN THE EXPLOSION!
SIS?? OH... NO.!!

WHAT HAPPENED TO HER, REED??
SHE WAS HIT BY A PIECE OF
HER HEAD! IT LOOKS SERIOUS! FASTER, MAN!
AHEAD AND ALERT
MANY X-RAYS LATER...
NO SENSE PULLING ANY
CRITICAL!
SIS!
GOTTA
SOMEONE
THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN WHO'S EVER SUCCESSFULLY PERFORMED SUCH AN OPERATION!
THEN GET
NO MATTER WHAT THE
GET HIM!!
STOPPED PRACTICING MEDICINE YEARS AGO! I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS!
THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE!! YOU MUST CLING TO THAT THOUGHT! BUT...
I CAN'T GIVE UP! AT LEAST... TELL ME THAT DOCTOR'S NAME!! PERHAPS WE CAN FIND HIM!
IT'S USELESS, RICHARDS!
PRISON!
ESCAPED
DON'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT, DOCTOR!
IT'S THE MAN WHOSE PICTURE SUE SAW IN THE PAPER!
YOU!! B-BUT ALL THESE YEARS... SUE TOLD ME YOU WERE DEAD!!
I WANTED
ENOUGH
SUE...!
DAD! DAD
BACK!
SO THAT'S THE ANSWER!! HE'S... THEIR FATHER!! I NEVER EVEN SUSPECTED!!

HOURS LATER...
I DON'T GET ANY OF THIS.. BUT IF YOUR OLD MAN CAN SAVE SUSIE, THEN HE MUST BE AN OKAY JOE, KID!
YOU AND SUE NEVER MENTIONED YOUR PARENTS. I ALWAYS ASSUMED YOU WERE ORPHANS!
DAD HAD BEEN ONE OF THE GREATEST SURGEONS!! BUT THEN... SOMETHING HAPPENED! I CAN'T GET MYSELF TO TALK ABOUT IT NOW!
I UNDERSTAND, JOHNNY! ALL THAT MATTERS NOW IS SUE'S RECOVERY!
IT'S OVER! THEY'RE BRINGIN' HER OUT!
SHE LOOKS SO WHITE.. SO PALE..
R-REED.. DO YOU THINK..???
DAD! WHAT..?
IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT I ARRIVED IN TIME! SUE WILL RECOVER!
YOU... SAVED HER?
WELL, WADDAYA KNOW!? SUSIE GIRL'S GONNA BE OKAY!!
HEY! LOOK OUT, YA BIG CLOWN!
GO TO IT, BENJY BOY!! LET OFF ALL THE STEAM YOU WANT TO! THIS IS OUR DAY TO HOWL!
BUT THEN, THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN, AS GRIM-FACED MEN ENTER...
DOCTOR STORM?
I'M READY, INSPECTOR! I'VE... BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
YOU MUST HAVE KNOWN WE'D GET YOU IF YOU CAME HERE!
DAD!
MY DAUGHTER WILL BE CONSCIOUS SOON! COULD I...SEE HER ONCE MORE...BEFORE I GO??
IT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS...
I'LL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY, INSPECTOR!
WELL, IN THAT CASE...
SHALL WE GO IN TOGETHER, JOHNNY?
YOU BET... DAD!
A STRANGE ENDING FOR A FANTASTIC FOUR TALE?? PERHAPS! BUT THEN, LIFE ITSELF IS FULL OF STRANGE, UNEXPECTED EVENTS, AS WE SHALL LEARN NEXT ISSUE! SO, PLEASE JOIN US...FOR WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE... WE'RE NOTHING WITHOUT YOU!!
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Dear Stan and Jack

How do you do it? You take one terrible villain (Mad Thinker), one average bad guy (Puppet Master), throw in the very unawesome Android and the X-Men and still come up with a very good story. In case you are wondering why I included the X-Men along with the other ingredients, it was because they weren't up to par this issue. But back to my original point: despite all of these uneventful throw-ins you two still produced a fine mag. The battle between the FF and the Angel 'n company, though a highly unoriginal idea was good, why must every super-hero fight another whenever the latter guest stars?

Mike Friedrich, 17474 Ehle St.
Castro Valley, Cal.

Mainly because—how interesting would the yarns be if they just sat around watching t.v.?

Dear Stan and Jack,

I have just read FF #29 for August. The story and plot were great and the return of the Red Ghost was an event I have long awaited. Chic Stone's inking was great and I'm glad you've finally found someone to ink Jack's pencils as well as "darling" Dick Ayers. The only thing wrong with the story was the slightly ridiculous picture of Reed as a future man, but all in all it was a great job. By the way, how did you achieve the effect of the large moon landing on page 11 of #29? This is a new concept in comics and I hope to see more of it. David Hill, Route #2

Tama, Iowa

It was easy, Dave—jolly Jack was too lazy to draw a whole detailed moon landscape, so we asked Thor to take a photo of it on his next trip to Asgard! Pretty good for a Brownie—without a flash attachment yet!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I won't say I just finished the new F.F. #28 because I didn't. It's been quite a while, but that's not the point. The story was good, the art was great, and the inking was very good. I might as well compliment the lettering too as it seems to be the thing to do now, but back to the story. Your stories have not been up to par lately, mainly because you bring back so many old villains. For the last four issues of FF you have had the oldies come back and it appears that you'll do it in issue #29 too. I don't mind an occasional come-back, but this is ridiculous! I like to look forward to a villain I know nothing about. I'm sure many other fans agree with me, so how about a new villain??

John Johnson, 6-A Oak Circle
Rockport, Mass.

We'll letcha know, Johnny, as soon as we hear from the rest of our merry Marvel fans. Meantime, we'll call the employment agency and see if any new villains are available!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I have seen on the FF Fan Page suggestions for American stars to play the parts of the F.F. Seeing as there are stars in Britain who could easily fill the parts, here they are: Honor (star of The Avengers) Blackman as the Invisible Girl, Sean (James Bond) Connery as Mr. Fantastic, John Leyton as the Torch and Herbert Lom as the Thing. By the way, did you know that America had two Fantastic Fours for thirteen days? Here's a clue: they were all male, they came from England, and as I write this letter they have five records occupying the first five places in your charts. Yes—they are the Beatles! They dominate the beat scene as your comics dominate the comic scene. Marvel Comics reach me faster than any others. I don't know how you do it but keep it up.

David Grace, 7 Dullas Rd., Southdene
Kirby, nr. Liverpool, England

Thanks, Dave! Although, we're not quite sure whether your letter should have been sent to us—or the Beatles!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I've written four letters so far to the F.F. and every-time I get some junky two-cent blue card that all you have to do is sign it. I don't expect something big for my letters but at least something more than a junky blue card thanking me for my thoughtful letter!

Patrick Scarfo, 4463 Jefferson St.
Bellaire, Ohio

All we have to do is sign it, eh? Ever try signing a few hundred cards a day, Pat? Anyway, next time we'll send you a green one!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I've been meaning to write this letter for months but just haven't had the time. I am 25 and just recently began reading comics again. It was rather a lucky accident that I did. I am a radio, T.V. announcer and was doing a band-stand-type show on a small upstate New York T.V. station. One of the kids left a copy of FF in the studio and that was the beginning. Since then I have read all your mags and I think they are marvel-ous!

Spence Allen, 223-22 65 Ave.
Bayside 64, N.Y.

Glad to have ya aboard, Spence! But we're sorry to hear that someone left a copy of the F.F. behind! We always thought our readers kept them in safe deposit vaults!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Like most letters you receive I must compliment you on the excellent magazine you put out. The stories and art are truly of the highest order. In fact you excel in all areas save one—namely, your letters section. When I first started buying your magazine a year and a half ago, I used to look forward to the letters section. There were really some interesting letters in it. There used to be discussions on who was the best hero, the best villain, should Sub-Mariner turn hero, should Sue Storm be kicked out, who is stronger—the Thing or the Hulk, etc. Now the letters section is a jumbled disaster of goody-goody letters. After reading one of your tremendous stories, this is quite a letdown. Don't get me wrong. I think that every one of the letters is true. It's just that I don't like the monotonous "we love you, Stan and Jack" and other such sickening bull. Please return the fan page to its previous standard of perfection.

Chuck Boehmler, 527 Jasmine Lane
Santa Maria, Calif.

So, it's only perfect if the fans *hate* us, eh Chuck? Actually, we know what you mean—and we agree! The thing is, we just don't receive as many argumentative letters as we did! But, who knows? Your own billet-doux may start a literary avalanche!

—Remember our great, earth-shaking no-prize contest in which we asked our readers what *The Marvel Age of Comics* meant to them?? Well, we received so many thought-provoking, well-written letters that we decided to have four winners! (That's the beauty of a no-prize contest—you can have all the winners you want!) And so, as the suspense mounts, and the tension becomes well-nigh unbearable, we proudly present our lucky no-prize-winning foursome . . .

Dear Stan and Jack,

You ask what the Marvel Age of Comics is. Well, I'd say it's paying 12¢ for a comic and knowing that your 12¢ wasn't wasted. It's reading a comic that was written just for you. It's writing a letter of comment and knowing that the guy on the other end cares enough to read and weigh what you've said. It's action that is adult, drawing that is the finest, characters that are human, editorial quips that are laughable and time well spent. And it's not knowing what surprises are in store the next time you stroll down to your local newsstand.

Tom Jones, 622 Plater
Aberdeen, Md.

Continued . . .

Dear Stan and Jack,

The Marvel Age of Comics means that a minor group of yesteryear has come out of the woodwork and has completely revealed the talent of its writers and artists. It means that a new type of comic has been unveiled. It means that the complete domination of the dull villain-meets-hero-type story has come to an end. It means that besides superb writing and art styles in a comic mag, there is something new, a human quality, a feeling that the Marvel mags give a person. It means that Marvel is bringing up the standards of comics mags so that competition will have to bring up their standards if they want to keep selling their mags. It means that Marvel has started taking over the comic world with really interesting stories which have human subplots. It means I'm going broke buying all the mags you guys are putting out, but I don't know of a happier way to go. That's what the Marvel Age of Comics means!

David Catena, 2601 Cambria Ave.
Windber, Pa.

Dear Stan and Jack,

When someone mentions the Marvel Age of Comics, I don't think of a cheap theme a comic publisher thought of just to sell more comics—I think of a whole new generation of comic fans being treated to an age of all new mags, original, better written, neatly drawn, better planned and much more entertaining than they were twenty years ago. Back in the Golden Age comic editors could do as they pleased, turning down a hero just because his name was Joe, even though he may have sold a million copies. Nowadays, in the Marvel Age, the readers control the life and death of a hero, and in the end the editor really comes out on top by selling more mags. So, no matter what comic company it is, it's the Marvel Age of Comics. Let's take another point. In the Golden Age, a hero wasn't given any personality at all. The only reason the editors sold any comics was that they were new, a fad. But in the late forties most of these fads faded out. The ones that were left had to have more than a cape and a secret identity—they had to have a gimmick. Your Captain America had this but many didn't. So when I think of the Marvel Age of Comics I think of a whole new era of marvel-ous comic reading!

Mike Raub, 636 Oak St.
Marion, Ohio

Dear Stan and Jack,

In my opinion your F.F. magazine is the finest comic, second only to the great Avengers group, and that only since you've added Captain America to that group which has pleased us older readers I'm sure. As an ancient reader (34), naturally I remember the Golden Age of Comics which leads me to my answer to your question of what the Marvel Age of Comics means to me. To me, the Marvel Age means the rejuvenation, or better still, the reincarnation of the comics, and they certainly seem to have been born again. Since you are leading the way in this labor of love the title seems a natural one to me. Your covers are great and only some quarterly magazines can compare to yours in quality. I'll read good comics such as yours till I'm 99.

Charles Smith, 231 E. 56th St.
Long Beach, Cal.

Many thanks, Tom, and Dave, and Mike, and Charlie! You guys won't get any argument from *us!*

—Hey, here's the winner of another no-prize contest which we had almost forgotten about! Boy, at this rate we're beginning to run out of no-prizes! And, as you know, they're the hardest kind to find!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Sometime ago you said you'd like readers to send in explanations on how Sub-Mariner got wings on his feet. Explanations nothing! You guys should read up on your Sub-Mariner history! When Namor was with his people back in the forties, he was summoned to the king's throne room. The King, prompted by Namor's evil cousin, said that Namor had lost most of his powers because he had been dwelling with the surface people too much. It seemed that Namor's people had a machine that would give him his mighty powers back. Namor agreed to try the machine. However, Namor's jealous cousin tampered with the machine hoping it would kill Namor and make him next in line for the throne. He was put in the machine which went haywire and finally blew up. When Namor stepped out his strength was enormous and little wings had grown on his feet enabling him to fly short distances. You published this story some years back. It was a good one so I never forgot it. So you see there aren't any group of explanations on how Namor got his wings—just your own story!

Marlin Grenn, Walpole St.
Dover, Mass.

The only thing that bugs us, Marly, is—how come *you* can remember a story we did in the forties when WE can't?? (In fact, we can hardly remember what we wrote last week!) Anyway, if we can ever dig up an old copy, we might rewrite it somehow—sounds real interesting!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

—Well, don't just sit there! Let us know! Should we bring the Mole Man back or not? Should we have more new villains, or more old ones? Should we quit our jobs and give someone else a chance? Tell us! Tell us!

—In the meantime, however, we've some things to tell YOU! First of all (and this is the last time we're gonna mention it) we hope you've already bought our three great Marvel ANNUALS! We're referring, of course, to MARVEL TALES ANNUAL #1, featuring the ORIGINS of six of our most popular characters—as well as actual photos of most of the merry Marvel staff! Also, the SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #1, featuring 72 pages of ALL-NEW Spidey stories and features, as only Stan and Steve can present them! And, the cream of the crop—the FANTASTIC FOUR ANNUAL #2, with a 22-page reprint of the first DR. DOOM epic, plus 50 pages of ALL-NEW stories and pin-ups, featuring the never-before revealed ORIGIN of Doc Doom, and the full-length spectacular: "The Final VICTORY of Doctor Doom!" These ishes are so sensational, we're waiting for the World's Fair to call, asking us to put them in their time capsule!

—Well, we did it! We finally gave CAPTAIN AMERICA a strip of his own! He's going to appear regularly in IRON MAN! (We'll have to figure out a way to change the masthead now!) And, because you were all so insistent, Jack (King) Kirby himself will draw it, while Stan (who else?!) will handle the story! Sounds good? Take it from us—it IS!

—By now you probably know that Mr. Incredible himself, none other than the fun-loving HULK, is also co-featured in TALES TO ASTONISH! Stan and sturdy Stevey Ditko are the guys responsible for it—and you know what to expect from the creators of SPIDER-MAN! (You may not GET it, but there's no harm in expecting it!) Here's another scoop—starting with ish #61, Dick Rockwell, the dean of detailed drawings, will be illustrating ol' high-pockets! Wait'll you see it!

—Now for a fast rundown on other current Marvel doings . . . let's see now—One of our fastest growing successes, the X-MEN, features the return of one of our most controversial villains, The Blob! It's a deazy! While THE AVENGERS has a brand-new menace named Kang, the Conqueror—and there's a real surprise in store for you when you learn HIS origin!

—SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS tackle practically the whole danged Japanese military machine in "On To Okinawa!" And, when you see Fury's howlers in action, you'll wonder how the war ever lasted so long! And, how about the change in STRANGE TALES? The Torch now has the blue-eyed Thing as a steady partner, in each and every ish! Yes, sir—if you stop to blink your eyes, you're liable to miss something important from Marvel, the house of ideas! 'Nuff said!

—THOR is great as ever, with Dr. Strange as his guest star! And ol' SPIDER-MAN is now guest-starring the Human Torch—and re-introducing the Green Goblin! So, if we're excited about this month's issues, you can see why!

—Now, to wrap it up, we'll have more info about Johnny and Sue's dad in next month's F.F., as well as a new problem which enters the lives of our fabulous foursome, and threatens to—aw, why go into it? If you don't know by NOW that each new ish is a colorful, exciting pot-pourri of drama and surprises, then go stand in the corner! So, till bashful Benjamin wins the best-dressed man of the year award, we'll leave you with this profound thought—keep reading! It's good for your spirits, your education, and our pocketbook! And remember—FACE FRONT!

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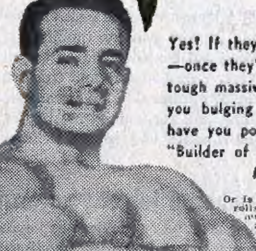

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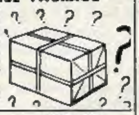

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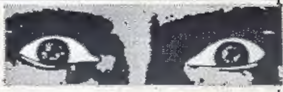

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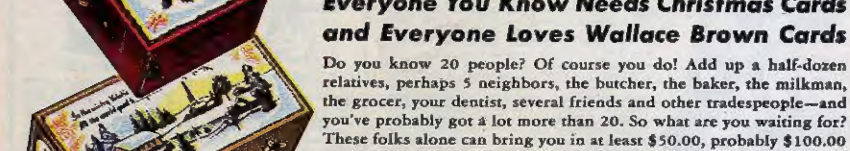
IF YOU KNOW JUST 20 PEOPLE...



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